

MINUTES OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND REVENUE APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

Room 215 Senate Office Building, State Capitol Complex

January 28, 2009

Members Present: Sen. Ralph Okerlund, Co-Chairman
Rep. Sheryl Allen, Co-Chairman
Sen. Gene Davis
Sen. Sheldon Killpack
Rep. Jackie Biskupski
Rep. Julie Fisher
Rep. Chris Herrod
Rep. Christine Johnson
Rep. Todd Kiser

Staff Present: Dr. Andrea Wilko, Chief Economist
Dr. Thomas Young, Economist
Jennifer Eyring, Committee Secretary

Note: A list of visitors and a copy of handouts are filed with the committee minutes.

Rep. Allen called the meeting to order at 2:23 p.m. and reminded the committee that the meeting scheduled for Thursday, January 29, 2009 has been canceled.

Dr. Wilko provided the committee with the schedule for the remaining meetings. The budget books will be distributed when the base budget is available.

Department of Community and Culture

Palmer DePaulis, Executive Director, Department of Community and Culture, assisted by Ally Isom, Deputy Director, provided a slide presentation giving an overview of the Department's responsibilities and Divisions. The Department's mission statement is "To enhance the quality of life for the people of Utah and to create, preserve and promote community and cultural infrastructures." The Department has 5 Divisions: Arts and Museums, State History, Housing and Community Development, Indian Affairs, State Library, and the Office of Ethnic Affairs. Providing community access to department resources is a key function. Financial, technical and cultural support to community entities was discussed. It was emphasized that all funding undergoes rigorous scrutiny by the Department and the associated Boards. The Department utilizes strategic partnerships to leverage funding. Examples of partnerships include the Native American Remains Repatriation Committee, State Homeless Coordinating Committee, Commission on Volunteers, and the Public Pioneer online database system.

Rep. Allen relinquished the chair to Sen. Okerlund.

MOTION: Rep. Allen moved to approve the minutes for the January 12, 2009 and the January 21, 2009 meetings. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Killpack absent for the vote.

Mr. DePaulis reviewed the digitization program. The department developed a business plan to provide collections, databases, grants programs and other information to people throughout the state through a searchable database. Individuals can access needed information in less time and with less travel. Some available databases are the Archeological and Historic Sites Project, Utah American Indian Digital Archives, Utah Publications, Mountain West Digital Library System, National Register of Historic Nominations, and Peoples of Utah. The various databases are used by both business and education. The Department utilizes key partnerships to leverage available funds. NowPlayingUtah.com is a collaborative effort that provides arts and entertainment information for the state. The department also develops internal collaboration. Along with making collections available digitally, they are responsible for the preservation of these assets. In an effort to provide greater access, the radio reading service for the blind is available through online streaming. The "Utah Department of Community and Culture 2008 Annual Report" and the "Community and Culture Financial and Technical Resource Guide" were provided to the committee. Questions from the committee were addressed.

Division of Arts and Museums

Margaret Hunt, Director, Division of Arts and Museums, introduced Anna Boulton, Manager, Community Partnership Program, Division of Arts and Museums. An overview of the Division was presented to the committee, including the mission statement and statutory requirements. One of the primary goals is arts education, addressing the loss of arts education in the schools. Other goals are helping entities with calendaring and marketing, and assisting with small to medium sized performance and rehearsal facilities. The Division also administers the 1% public arts program. The Division tracks arts and culture impact on the economy and targets strategic areas in the state that may be under served or lacking in arts and culture infrastructure. The Change Leader Institute is a program to build leadership capacity, especially in under served areas of the state.

Anna Boulton described some of the successes seen in these programs.

Questions from the committee were addressed. Entities such as the Utah Symphony, Sundance Film Festival, Utah Arts Festival and NowPlayingUtah.com have started out with help from the Division and have been able to grow and become independent. Possible avenues for working with less funding were touched upon. The committee was provided handouts further explaining the various programs and services from the Division.

Division of State History

Phil Notarianni, Director, Division of State History, introduced Wilson Martin, State Historic Preservation Officer, Kristen Rogers, Communication Manager, and Kristen Jensen, Manager,

Digitization Project. A page outlining the Division's work was distributed to the committee. There are 4 basic programs: Utah State Historical Society, Antiquities, Historic Preservation, and Research and Collections.

Kristen Rogers reviewed the quality of life and economic benefits of State History to the communities and people of Utah. Some areas highlighted include the National Register, online services, digital information, grants, and technical assistance. The shelving for historic glass plate negatives has been completed from funding granted last year and these photos are becoming available online. Other online information includes Utah burials, the *Utah Historical Quarterly*, and the archeological database. The Division is also involved in a variety of educational programs. The digitization program has expedited service to business and the public.

Mr. Notarianni stated that in 2003, 33 FTEs were reduced to 31. Under the current budget reductions, that number will fall to 27 FTEs. All programs in the Division will be affected by the reductions. Historic photos from the Legislators' districts were presented to the committee. One of the digitization goals is to get all past issues of the *Utah Historic Quarterly*, *Beehive Issues*, *Utah Preservation*, *History Blazer*, and *Utah Archeology* online within 6 months. The committee was invited to visit the Division of History facilities located in the historic Rio Grande Depot.

Sen. Okerlund thanked all who spoke at the meeting and complimented them on their presentations.

The committee will visit the Tax Commission facility for the February 5, 2009 meeting.

MOTION: Rep. Allen moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Davis and Sen. Killpack absent for the vote.

Sen. Okerlund adjourned the meeting at 4:07 p.m.

Sen. Ralph Okerlund, Co-Chair

Rep. Sheryl L. Allen, Co-Chair